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ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Election of officers

1. Under paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) was established as a committee of the General Assembly. Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as contained in the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

2. By paragraph 9 of the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session should elect, with due regard to equitable geographic representation, the following officers: a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The General Assembly further decided, in paragraph 11, that the host country of the Conference, Turkey, should be an ex officio member of the Bureau. Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee, at the present session, will elect its officers.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee, which is currently before the Committee for adoption, has been drawn up on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/180.

Item 3. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

4. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, recalling, inter alia, its resolution 46/164 of 19 December 1991, decided, by its resolution 47/180, to convene the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) from 3 to 14 June 1996, at the highest possible level of participation. In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the Assembly noted with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Turkey to act as host for the Conference and decided that the Conference would be held in Turkey.

5. In this connection, the Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Committee open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. It further decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session of three days' duration at United Nations Headquarters in March 1993, and indicated broad guidelines for additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee. (The question of arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee is dealt with under item 4 of the provisional agenda.)

6. In paragraph 14 of resolution 47/180, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process, taking into account the provisions of that resolution and the views expressed by Governments in the discussion of the matter at the Assembly's forty-seventh session (see A/C.2/47/SR.16 and 17). The report of the Secretary-General called for in paragraph 14 will be before the Committee at this session.

7. The Assembly also decided that the Preparatory Committee should:

(a) Draft the provisional agenda of the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 47/180;

(b) Adopt guidelines to enable States to take a harmonized approach in their preparations and reporting;

(c) Prepare draft decisions, including the plan of action, for the Conference and submit them to the Conference for consideration and adoption.

8. In paragraph 22 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions on progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on substantive issues in the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC/2)

Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on the organizational structure of the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC/3)

Item 4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

9. In paragraph 7 of its resolution 47/180, the General Assembly decided that, apart from the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee, two additional preparatory sessions should be held, the first in early 1994 in Geneva or New York and the second in conjunction with the 1995 session of the Commission on Human Settlements. Detailed arrangements for the preparatory discussion would be determined at the organizational session. The Assembly also decided, in paragraph 8, that in the event of there being a clear need for further preparatory discussions, an appropriate request might be made by the Preparatory Committee to the General Assembly.

10. The Committee, at the present session, will, therefore, have to consider detailed arrangements for preparatory discussion of the issues with which the Conference will be seized. In this connection, the Committee may wish to make a recommendation with respect to the venue of its 1994 session, i.e., Geneva or New York.

Item 5. Provisional agenda for first session of the Preparatory Committee

11. Bearing in mind the tasks entrusted to it and the recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's reports referred to above, the Preparatory Committee may wish to draw up a provisional agenda for its first session.
